



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures

At its meeting held March 16, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“The agent that causes Sudden Oak Death, a disease that has killed oak trees and related plant species in Northern California and Oregon, was recently discovered in camellias at a Los Angeles County nursery. This is the first time that Sudden Oak Death disease has been found in this County. The County Agricultural Commissioner has been working with the United States Department of Agriculture to stop the spread of the disease by isolating and testing suspect plants and, because there is no known cure, destroying them when necessary.

“While these efforts to contain the disease so far appear to be effective and will continue, we must educate the public and landscapers on the proper care of oak trees and how to prevent the introduction of Sudden Oak Death into our backyards, wild lands and recreational areas.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures was instructed to work with the Fire Chief and the University of California Agricultural Cooperative Extension to develop an outreach program to educate the public on the proper care of oak trees and the prevention of Sudden Oak Death in their landscapes and to report back to Board within 60 days on the progress of the program.

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